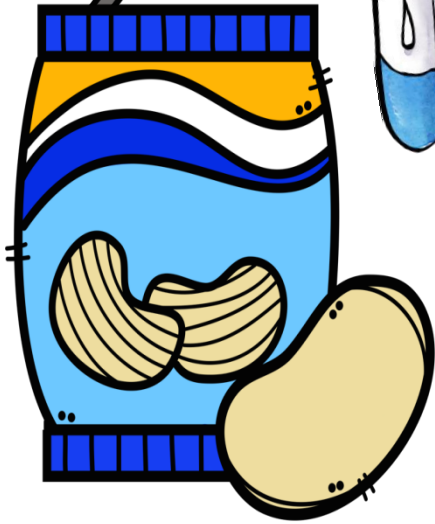


Accidental Inventions



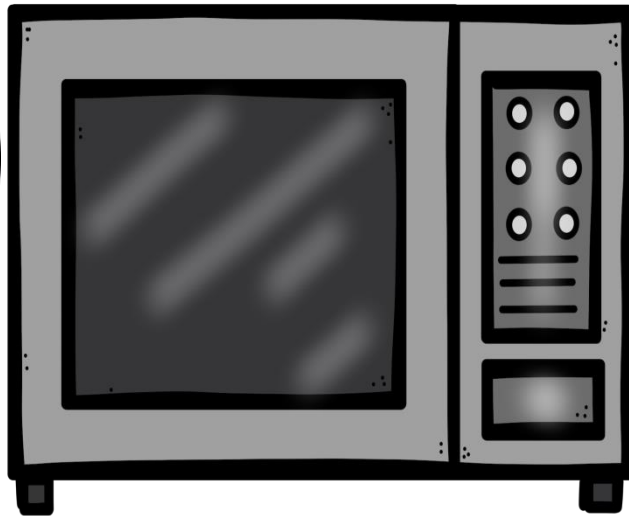
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Superglue

Assign each student one invention that was a mistake to research.

Hook Activity

Show one of these short YouTube videos as a hook.

[10 Inventions that were Made by Mistake](#)

[10 Famous Foods Discovered by Mistake](#)

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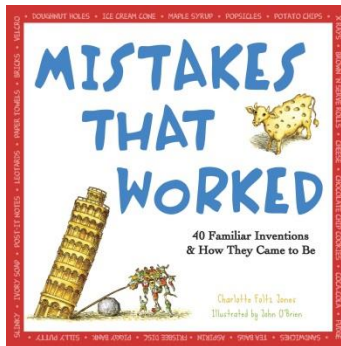
On the next page is a printable for this project. Following this is an example to share with students.

Discussion Questions

- Are all mistakes bad?
- Were these inventors afraid of trying something new?
- Have you ever made a mistake that turned out wonderful? Explain.

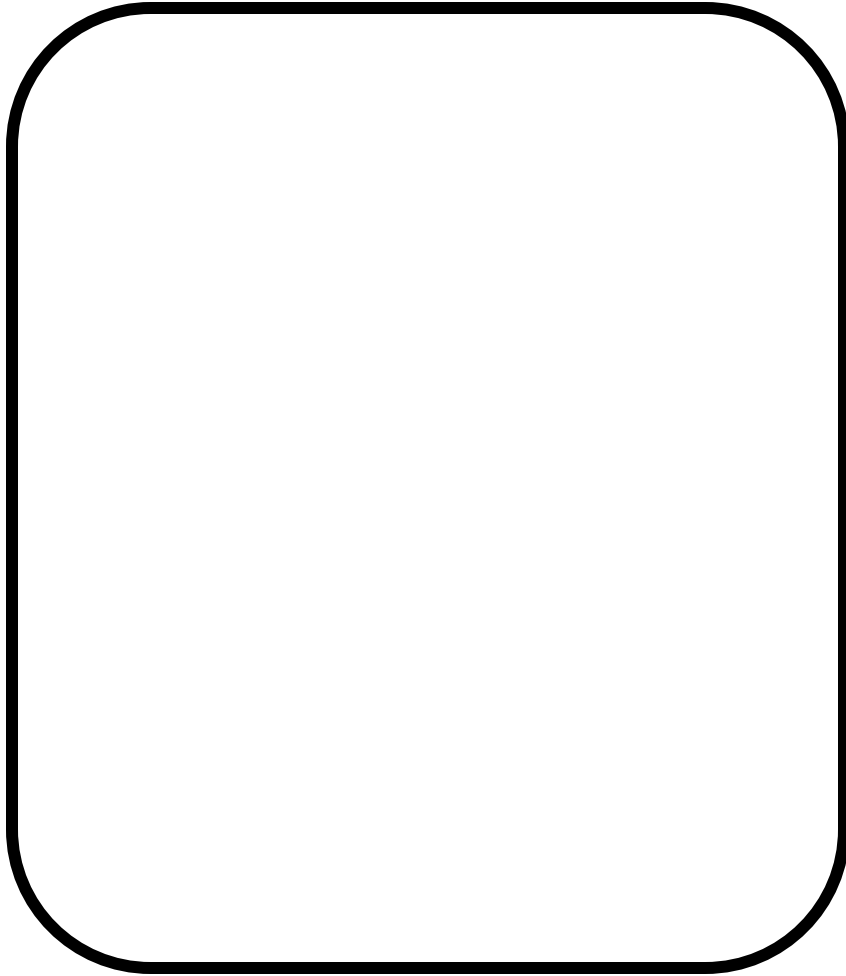
Resources

[Mistakes that Worked: 40 Familiar Inventions & How They Came to Be](#)



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My Accidental Invention is



How was the item invented?

How was the invention marketed to the public?

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My Accidental Invention is the potato chip.

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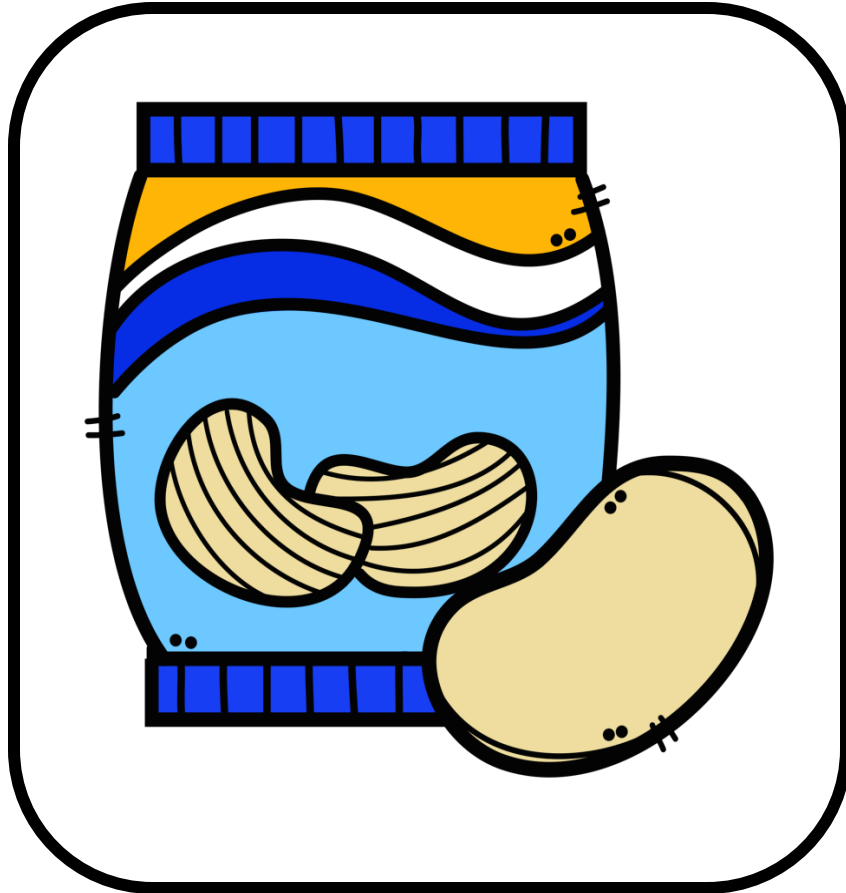
In 1853, George Crum was a chef at the Moon Lake Lodge Resort in Saratoga Springs, New York. When a diner kept sending the potatoes back with the complaint that they were too thick and not salty enough, Crum made a paper-thin batch with extra salt. The customer was extremely happy, and the potato chip was invented.

How was the invention marketed to the public?

George Crum called the new food potato crunches and sold them under the name Saratoga Chips. Soon they were selling all over new England.

What changes have been made over time?

William Tappendon manufactured the chips in Cleveland, Ohio. In the 1920s a salesman named Herman Lay brought potato chips to the southern states by selling them out of the trunk of his car. The chips became even more popular when Laura Scudder invented a wax paper bag to keep the chips fresh and crunchy.



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